PUCCI et al. U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP2003/004214

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 29-52 have been added and are pending.

The specification has been amended to place the application in proper U.S. format. The specification has also been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application and to include a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE

By:

Arthur R. Crawford Reg. No. 25,327

ARC:alb

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor Arlington, VA 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000

Facsimile: (703) 816-4100